mines under the Eastern Coalfields Ltd. (ECL) in Dhanbad District while the company machinery has been lying idle; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) HEMM has been hired from some contractors for use in quarriable patches in small pockets away from the main mines in Nirsa-Kapasara coalfields in Dhanbad district as this arrangement is operationally more expedient than deploying the Company's own equipment. The company's own machinery is not lying idle in these areas.

HEMM has been hired from the following contractors:

1. K. S. Atwal & Co.
2. Mercantil Constn.
3. Arvind Constn. Co.
4. Ravi Udyog
5. Guru Mehar Constn.
6. Eastern Mineral Trading Agency
7. Khalsa Brothers
8. Jagdish Singh
9. Maghu Nhak
10. Jagat Mahate
11. Black Coal Carriers Service Co. Ltd.
12. Ayachi Bhar Vahak.
13. Victor Transport
14. Amarjit Singh & Brothers.

Price increase of coal

980. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Coal India Limited is contemplating increase in the prices of coal; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) The coal prices are constantly kept under review. The question of increase in the prices will be considered and a decision taken at the appropriate time. There is no specific proposal in this behalf under consideration at present.

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981. श्री अजीत सिंह:
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी:

क्या ऊर्जा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 13 जुलाई, 1987 के इकानामिक टाइम्स में "स्टेट पावर ग्रिड्सरैप्ड" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में तथ्य क्या हैं और क्या सरकार ने इन तथ्यों की जांच करायी है ; और

(ग) क्या सरकार इस दिशा में कोई कार्यवाही करेगी; यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

ऊर्जा मंत्रालय में विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी): (क) से (ग) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Liberalisation of the policy for the manufacture of synthetic fibres

982. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have liberalised the policy for the manufacture of synthetic fibres;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;